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## Lt. Gov. Faoa attends Education Commission of States and National Association of Secretaries of State

Lieutenant Governor Faoa Sunia has returned to the Territory after attending the Education Commission of the States (ECS) Conference in Denver, Colorado.

Created in 1965 as a nonpartisan organization to improve education by facilitating the exchange of information, ideas, experien-

ces, and innovations among state policymakers and education leaders, the ECS has 49 states, three territories, and the District of Columbia as members.

Lt. Gov. Faoa attended the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Summer Conference in Daniels (near Charleston), West

Virginia.

The conference involved discussions on social media, business identity theft, voting systems, voter participation and preparing for the 2012 elections. Meetings among regional secretaries of state were also held.

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## Membership for Territorial Hazard Mitigation Council expanded

Governor Togiola Tulafono in a general memorandum dated July 6 appointed a dozen members to the Territorial Hazard Mitigation Council (THMC).

The THMC is the authority for the AS Hazard Mitigation Plan and is not a new council, although membership has been expanded to include the Chamber of Commerce, the

Environmental Protection Agency, and the AS Historic Preservation Office.

The THMC is responsible for overseeing and monitoring all mitigation activities for the territory. Each member serves a two-year term.

Members of the THMC include the Governor's Authorized Representative, one member from each

Fono chamber (appointed by the Senate President and House Speaker), Secretary of Samoan Affairs (or designee), Directors of the Department of Commerce, Port Administration, Public Works, and AS-EPA, the executive director of the Historic Preservation Office, the CEOs of ASPA and ASTCA, and the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.

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# Togiola talks about TPGS generators and new ASPA power plant

The American Samoa Power Authority will begin building a new power plant that is expected to be fully functional in about 2-3 years.

Meanwhile, the generators for the new Temporary Power Generation System (TPGS) project were commissioned late last month and include 11 generators that burn Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) - a cleaner burning diesel fuel. (The TPGS is serving residents from Fagaalu and heading east).

Togiola stressed the importance of the new TPGS during his weekend radio program, and said ASPA does not need to return the genera-

generators once the new Satala power plant is constructed.

Instead, according to the Governor, the generators will be distributed to key sites in the territory, as per discussions with the ASPA board of directors about a new program.

The sites include the AP Lutali Executive Office Building, the LBJ Hospital, the Department of Health, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Togiola acknowledged that there have been complaints about Star Kist Samoa having to remove their old freezer site in Satala, and he

explained that the move was necessary so ASPA can build the new power plant.

Federal regulations prohibit the rebuilding of the power plant on land located in a flood zone (i.e. low elevation).

The new power plant will be funded by FEMA but ASPA is still required to pay matching funds, which they say will be \$9 million for all related earthquake/tsunami projects. According to FEMA, funding for ASPA's temporary power generation system caps at about \$35 million, and the figure includes expenses for the generators leased from Aggreko.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **To all alcoholic beverage licensees**

Be advised that the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Ta'ita'itama Prevent Underage Drinking Initiative and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board ***will be conducting compliance check activities in your area beginning December 2010 and continuing through December 2011.***

Please remember that selling alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years old is illegal per American Samoa Code, Title 27, Chapter 05; Section 27.0531:

***"No licensee may sell any alcoholic beverage to any person under 21."***

American Samoa is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its people. Our priority issue is to combat and prevent underage drinking and the problems that arise from this illegal activity.

For additional information, feel free to contact the  
Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws - EUDL Program  
at 633-1582

## **ASG RADIO PROGRAM**

***With: Gov. Togiola Tulafono***

**On: KSBS FM 92.1 Saturdays @ 7:30 a.m.**

# Territorial Hazard Mitigation Council...*(continued from page 1)*

Togiola says the THMC will assist the Governor's Office and the ASG in identifying hazard mitigation issues and opportunities facing the territory, for the purpose of developing a comprehensive hazard mitigation strategy.

In addition, the council will prepare strategies, policies, and reports on hazard mitigation issues, including hazard mitigation policy recommendations to the Governor, the Fono, and key territorial agencies involved in mitigation related to areas within their normal agency

missions.

The THMC will ensure that territorial agencies collaborate and cooperate fully to develop and execute sustainable hazard mitigation actions that will reduce the risk posed by all hazards to the territory, as well as coordinate with and support territorial agencies' efforts in obtaining and administering federal and other grants, including post-disaster mitigation grants available pursuant to federal law, for the purpose of promoting hazard mitigation opportunities within the

territory.

The THMC will identify and prioritize mitigation activities, on an annual basis, for funding under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance, Public Assistance, Repetitive Flood Claims, Severe Repetitive Loss and other mitigation funds that become available. It will also encourage and support the solicitation of grant support through other territorial agencies for hazard mitigation activities.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for information about the former Matafao School  
(located southwest of the entrance to Pago Pago Harbor on the  
Island of Tutuila, American Samoa)

Recently, the US Army Corps of Engineers completed a Site Inspection at the former **Matafao School**. **This site was used by the United States Navy for offshore debris disposal and landfill activities from 1900 through 1964.**

The former **Matafao School** is one of many former military installation throughout the United States that will be reviewed under the Department of Defense's Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol. This protocol is used to assess sites that may have unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions or munitions constituents, and to assign priorities for any additional investigation or munitions removal that may be required.

The evaluation criteria including types of munitions that may be present, ease of access to the site and number of people living near the site, are available for public review in the Site Inspection Report located at:

**Feleti Barstow Public Library  
PO Box 997687  
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799**

If you have additional information about past activities related to the former **Matafao School**, please contact:

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**HISTORICAL NOTES**

*By: Stan Sorensen, Historian, Office of the Governor*

**On July 11, 1911**, the Solicitor of the Navy authorized Commander William Michael Crose, who was Commandant, U.S. Naval Station Tutuila and Governor of Tutuila, to use the designation "American Samoa." Thus, Crose was the first person to be designated as "Governor of American Samoa," rather than "Governor of Tutuila," although he, and all succeeding naval governors continued also to be designated as "Commandant, U.S. Naval Station Tutuila."

**On July 11, 1941**, the Utah Construction Company began construction of the Tafuna Air Base on Tutuila, as part of the Pacific Naval Air Bases (PNAB) Contract NOy-4173.

**On July 16, 1896**, Captain Joshua Slocum---the first man to sail around the world alone---arrived in Apia harbor aboard the *Spray*. Three Samoan girls, seeing that he had no crew, said, "You had other mans an' you eat 'em."

**On July 16, 1904**, Manua's Deed of Cession, having been signed by Tui Manu'a Elisara on July 14, 1904, was registered at American Samoa's Courthouse by Secretary of Native Affairs Edwin William Gurr.

**On July 16, 1952**, John C. Elliott took office as American Samoa's second appointed civil governor (until November 23, 1952).

**On July 17, 1931**, Captain Gatewood Sanders Lincoln relieved Lieutenant Commander Arthur Tenney Emerson and became American Samoa's 18th naval governor (for the second time; until May 12, 1932). Captain Lincoln and Lieutenant Nathan Woodworth Post (March 14-July 14, 1913 and October 2-December 6, 1914) were the only naval governors who served two non-consecutive terms, Lincoln serving from August 2, 1929-March 24, 1931 and July 17, 1931-May 12, 1932.

**On July 18, 1893**, on Manono, "by the joint action of two German cruisers, a British man-of-war, and some 30 chiefs, Mata'afa [Iosefo] and his followers were made prisoners of war without any bloodshed." They were subsequently deported to the Union (*i.e.*, Tokelau) Islands, and thence to Jaluit in the Marshalls.

**On July 18, 1899**, the Tripartite Commission which arrived in Apia on May 13 made its joint report, which said that the existing tripartite government was impractical for Samoa, and recommended that the islands be partitioned.

**On July 18, 1942**, Commander Thomas Calloway Latimore, American Samoa's 22nd naval governor (acting: April 10--April 17, 1934) was last seen near Aiea Landing, Honolulu, Hawaii. He was "declared officially dead as of July 19, 1942," and his cause of death was listed as "Disappeared while on hike."

**On July 18, 1962**, the first jet aircraft to land at Pago Pago International Airport was a Boeing 707 carrying Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall.

**On July 21, 1902**, President Theodore Roosevelt thanked the chiefs of "Tutuila, Aunu'u and other neighboring islands" for signing the Deed of Cession.

## American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA)

### Plastic Shopping Bags BAN

#### *Plastic Free, The Way To Be...* Alternative Plastic Shopping Bag Serial Numbers Approved

AS-EPA would like to remind the public and retailers that only alternative plastic shopping bags that have been specifically approved by the AS-EPA can be distributed in American Samoa. The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) has worked closely with the Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment (MNRE) in Samoa and has reviewed the bags and documents submitted by various retailers concerning the use of "Samoa Biobags." Based upon AS-EPA's review, "Samoa Biobags" are compliant with the new Plastic Shopping Bag Ban (PSBB), A.S.C.A. 25.2034 if they have the following serial numbers:

- CPMNREPTI/0808002
- CPMNREPTI/0710001
- CPMNREATC/0610001
- CPMNREFEE/0211009

Retailers and restaurants may use these alternative shopping bags in their stores; however, they must still comply with all other aspects of the PSBB. This is not an approval for any other plastic bag. All "Samoa Biobags" must have one of the serial numbers listed above printed on the bag to be eligible under this approval. This approval is granted with the understanding that it will expire on the date of expiration of the certification from MNRE in Samoa and may be rescinded sooner if found necessary by AS-EPA.

We also encourage any store that wishes to use alternative plastic bags to pick up instructions and a submission from our office in Pago Plaza to help expedite the approval process.

For more information please call AS-EPA at 633-2304 or visit our website: [www.asepa.gov](http://www.asepa.gov)



## ASG At Work:

### Department of Public Safety:

The following are DPS Proposed Projects and on-going projects:

- Tafuna SubStation Renovation (CIP Funded) ongoing and will be completed August 2011. Cost \$152,540.22
- SPRUNG Project (CIP Funded) Temporary Tents for Correctional Facility to alleviate overcrowding. Project to begin in the summer 2011. Cost \$82,500.00
- Leone SubStation (ARRA Funded) to serve far western district residence. Bidding process completed awaiting awarding of contract. Cost \$700,000.00
- Two Story Male Inmate Building (CIP Funded) Project to begin in 2012.
- DPS 23rd Police Academy (CJPA Funded) 33 police trainees presently being trained. Estimated completion in September 2011.

### American Samoa Historic Preservation Office:

#### Boys Mission School, Fagalele - Measure up Project

One of the projects the ASHPO is working on this year is the Fagalele Boys School. The project's purpose is to obtain measured drawings of the Fagalele Boys school, a site listed on the National Register of Historic Place, so that we can later have plans drawn up for restoration of the building. The drawings include a floor plan and once the project is completed with also include side views and profiles of the building.

This is the first phase of our goal to eventually find a way to restore the building. We have been in contact with the CCCAS Church and they have approved of us proceeding with the preliminary work.

The work will also provide documentation of the site should restoration not be possible, or if a natural disaster such a hurricane, earthquake or tsunami damages or destroys the site. With this work the plan of the site will be recorded and will be a part of the historical record.

If you any questions concerning this project please do not hesitate to contact David Herdrich, AS Historic Preservation Officer at ([tavita22@mac.com](mailto:tavita22@mac.com)).

### Territorial Audit Office:

#### Performance Audit of Federal Grants Receivable

TAO is commencing a performance audit of federal grants receivable. Our primary objective is to identify recommendations to speed reimbursement of federal grant monies previously paid with Local General funds. This would help to alleviate problems presently associated with Local General Fund liquidity.

### Department of Public Works:

- Airport Drainage – Notice to Proceed has been issued to 3 contractors (McConnell; APECs; Paramount). Work has started in one of the sections that McConnell Dowell is working on which is from the ANZ Bank end in Tafuna.
- Interisland Boat Acquisition for the islands of Manu'a: The radio program is a great opportunity to inform the public (especially the people of Manua) of the government's intention and purpose to purchase a boat for transportation between Luanuu and Tau. An application has been submitted to the funding agency (Federal Transit Administration) for their review and approval. This project is also included in the approved Territory Transportation Improvement Program for projects to be funded. DPW has met with Toetasi on this subject as far as coordination and planning efforts to ensure a successful project.
- DPS Leone Substation - Design by DPW A&E Division, project status is now going thru Procurement Bidding process to select a General Contractor. The project site is in the village of Leone, between ECE center and Leone Midkiff Elem School. *(Continued on page 6)*

## ASG At Work:

### DPW...(continued from page 5)

- The proposed size is 3,200 sq. ft. office spaces and 1,500 sq. ft. garage to house emergency vehicles and fire trucks.

Due to increase demands for public safety and medical emergency services for the western district has led to the proposal of a substation.

This new substation will be located within the western district and most importantly in close proximity to many outlying villages. First responders will have the ability to respond more efficiently and effectively to emergency calls or reports from residents within the western district.

The installation of the new Leone Substation will be a contribution to the improvements of services to residents and will ensure and promote safer communities. This Project is funded by ARRA.

### Department of Human & Social Services:

#### I Care

The DHSS Child Care Division has partnered with 14 organizations for the "I CARE" about Summer Partnerships initiative, which seeks to provide more opportunities for families with young children to get involved in academic, sports, and other enrichment activities. The initiative focuses providing structured enrichment opportunities for children ages 7 to less than 13 years, with priority placements for low-income and/or single parent households.

#### Background Information:

The "I CARE" about Summer Partnerships initiative is especially critical because children are on summer break, yet our current economic climate may prevent some families from having their children participate in programs that require a fee, or for free programs to serve more children due to limited resources.

The American Samoa Child Care Program sought and received approval to amend its State Plan to allow for funds to be allocated for such an initiative. DHSS is exploring the feasibility of continuing some of these partnerships beyond the summer months so that parents with children too old for child care facilities (7+ years), but less than 13 years may have more programming options to engage children after school.

A total of **\$300,000** of funds have been set aside to support organizations that will provide direct services for children such as tutoring, summer school, football, basketball, and so much more. For a complete listing of partners and the programs being offered, please see attached.

For more information, please contact the DHSS Child Care Division at 633-1571.

### Department of Youth & Women Administration:

#### Sewing Class

The DYWA is continuing the sewing class for the women of the territory and the next opening of our 7th sewing class will be on July 12, 2011. Our current registration consists of 90 women interesting in taking this class. This class will be conducted twice a week every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am til 12:00pm for the 1st session and 2nd session will be at 1:00pm til 4:00pm. This will be repeated on Thursday at our office, Lutali EOB 2nd floor.

The goals and objectives of this project are following:

1. To learn the skill of sewing and pillow case embroidery
2. To develop coordination and communication skills
3. To develop assertive skill and obtain employment in the sewing industry
4. To enable them to setup small sewing businesses and assist in family financial earning.
5. To enhance self-esteem and the human development.

The department just completed two sewing classes, the 1st class graduating 32 women in May 26, 2011 and the 2nd class, graduating 12 female inmate at TCF in June 15, 2011.

This project is continuing to be successful in that the women are very motivated to participate at the above number of women support this.

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## ASG At Work...(continued from page 6)

### **Department of Parks & Recreation: PAGO PAGO PARK SHORELINE RESTORATION**

#### **HISTORY and DESCRIPTION**

The Pago Pago Park Shoreline Restoration project is nearing completion. After the 9/29 Tsunami, the Department of Parks and Recreation responded to assess damages on all park properties identified under the jurisdiction of the department. Pago Pago Park was found to have the most damages, beginning with the shoreline. FEMA assessed and awarded restoration funding to do shoreline repair: Bayshore Hardware (old Soli's) to existing seawall and guard rail in Satala.

Shortly after the 9/29 tsunami, DPR Special Projects Officer, Leilani Ripley coordinated with FEMA PA Hal Stadel and TOFR Project Manager Levi Levi, Jr. and Alvina Lutu, DPW Civil Engineer for an appropriate design and scope of work to submit to FEMA. Once scope of work was approved by FEMA, local PNRS permit and Army Corp of Engineers permit was applied for.

On September 29, 2010 exactly one year later, a Nationwide Permit from the Army Corp of Engineers was issued. Any permit for a seawall involves a number of determinations at the National level regarding Marine and Wildlife, Environmental Protection, and Historical Preservation. All affiliated government agencies and businesses in the line of the scope of work were notified. Good cooperation was exercised by all and the project commenced.

When all pertinent permits were in order, Request for Qualifications was given to the Office of Procurement. McConnell Dowell was awarded the bid and Notice to Proceed was issued on May 23, 2011. McConnell Dowell has a good history of seawall projects, and are keeping to their reputation. The contractor has until September to finish, but the work is moving along so well, that it is expected to completed before the end of July.

### **Department of Education:**

The Department of Education has undertaken a massive reorganization process to decentralize our comprehensive educational reform efforts. The Department of Education is committed to holding schools accountable for student achievement and that means "empowering" schools to make necessary changes in the way education process at the school level.

Beginning in the new school year, schools will have school budgets under their control. School principals are currently identifying their needs, based on their student achievement data, and are submitting individual school reform projects. They will have access to ASG's IFAS accounting system to request purchases, supplies and services from their school site.

The Department of Education has also begun the process of creating a Longitudinal Data System (LDS). This LDS system will allow the department to follow student achievement throughout a student's educational tenure and allow the department to make educational reform efforts based on actual data. This data will also become an integral part of our evaluation process. All personnel will be held accountable for their efforts in improving student achievement and these efforts will be evaluated using relevant data.

Our current efforts also include a comprehensive review of all personnel within the department with an emphasis on clearly defining what role each employee has in this reform process. We believe this effort will ensure that the meager resources available are used to their full potential and that each individual will clearly understand their role this reform process.

The Department of Education's overall goal is to ensure that educational resources are used efficiently and that these resources are tied directly to the classroom where education truly takes place.



**American Samoa Child Care Program**

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**Summer Partnerships 2011**

**FREE SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS**

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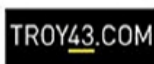
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arts, culture, & humanities



Katherine Kim  
**ACADEMY**



The Department of Human & Social Services Child Care Division is pleased to announce our "I CARE" about Summer Partnerships Initiative, designed to offer parents with young children more options for summer activities at no cost. Additionally, these partnerships allows for priority placement of children ages 7 - less than 13 years from low-income families. Through this "I CARE" partnership, the 14 service providers listed below are either waiving registration fees or providing scholarships. And, programs that are normally free will be able to provide more resources for participants.  
**SPACE IS LIMITED...so ACT NOW!**

PARTNER SUMMER PROGRAM PROVIDER	TYPE OF SUMMER PROGRAM	REGISTRATION FEE	No of Slots	SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE	FOR MORE INFO CALL
Agency for Better Living Endeavors (ABLE)	Academic and other enrichment activities	FREE	40	N/A, it's FREE	633-2208 & 252-2222
AIGA Foundation	Football camps and concert in conjunction with Troy Polamalu	FREE	500+	N/A, it's FREE	633-1571
American Samoa Baseball Association	Little League Baseball	FREE	300	N/A, it's FREE	770-5877
American Samoa Council on Arts, Culture & Humanities	Children's Cultural Maintenance (Traditional arts & crafts)	FREE	100	N/A, it's FREE	633-5613
American Samoa Organization on Aging (ASOA)	Senior mentoring youth program that offers cultural and other enrichment activities	FREE	40	N/A, it's FREE	699-1131
American Samoa Tennis Association	Tennis Clinics	FREE	150	N/A, it's FREE	699-6037/ 699-9512/ 258-9145/733-4119
Boys and Girls Club of American Samoa (BGCAS) & Gear Up American Samoa (GUAS)	Math, Graphic Arts, Robotics, Reading & Writing, Music, Various Sports, and Much More!	FREE	200	N/A, it's FREE	633-1582
Faagaloo Development League	Basketball	FREE	80	N/A, it's FREE	258-1054/731-4447
Katherine Kim Academy	Math Tutoring	\$360	100	<b>YES! 50 scholarships are available!</b>	252-5072
Kip McGrath	Academic tutoring in English, spelling, reading & math in all levels	FREE	60	N/A, it's FREE	731-2907/699-9576
Manumalo Baptist Academy	Academic and other enrichment activities	FREE	50	N/A, it's FREE	699-9512
Pacific Island Center for Educational Development (PICED)	Summer Writing Camp	FREE	30	N/A, it's FREE	699-6094/733-4515
Samoa Baptist Academy	Football, basketball, and academic camps	FREE	200	N/A, it's FREE	699-9254/731-3798
South Pacific Academy	Math, Science, History Day preparation, Language Arts, ESL, Art, Music and Crafts	\$300	175	<b>YES! 50 scholarships are available!</b>	699-9845/770-9300

**For more information, you can also call the Child Care Division: 633-1571/ 1572.**

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